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Ronald J. Tenpas, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Illinois, announced today that **DARNELL HALL**, age 24, of St. Louis, Missouri, was sentenced today in Federal District Court for the felony offense of Unlawful Possession of a Firearm by a Convicted Felon, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 922(g)(1). **HALL** was sentenced to a term of 96 months' incarceration without parole, a \$500 fine, a \$100 special assessment, and upon completion of his imprisonment, a one year period of supervised release. **HALL** had previously pled guilty on June 17, 2004.

In the federal offense, **HALL** was arrested March 16, 2003, after being discovered with a firearm by the East St. Louis, Illinois Police after being involved in an automobile accident.

The investigation in this case was a cooperative effort of the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office, the East St. Louis Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, pursuant to these agencies participation in the Project Safe Neighborhoods Initiative. Project Safe Neighborhoods is a joint and cooperative effort of the United States Attorney's Office, the St. Clair County State's Attorney's Office, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, and other federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies, and is directed at removing guns and drugs from our communities. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Richard H. Lloyd.